does not reveal the secret things of God's Word. The trouble with such opposers is that, even though they once had the truth, they have not the love of the truth, but, being selfish, they are blinded.

24 When Moses went before the Lord to speak to him "he took the vail off". (Ex. 34:34, 35) The apostle Paul, quoting from the above prophecy, says: "Nevertheless, when it [he, *Roth.*] shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away." (2 Cor. 3:16) The apostle's statement here proves that when there is a turning away from a man and a turning to Jehovah God, and fully trusting him and the Lord Jesus, the "vail" is taken away from the eyes of such as have the spirit of the Lord, and these have an understanding. The one turning to the Lord, therefore, is given a vision of his reflected glory, which glory is reflected in the face of Christ Jesus and shines into the heart and mind of those fully devoted to the Lord. Christ Jesus is "the brightness of his glory". But where those who have covenanted to do the will of God continue to look to a man and his supposed glorious attainments and dote upon his teachings, they are blind to the truth; and this is clearly shown by the foregoing statement of the apostle.

25 Today those who continue to insist that Pastor Russell taught all the truth that is to be learned by the saints on earth are in the dark, and they will continue in the dark. They fail to discern the Lord at his temple, and scoff at the statement that he is at the temple. Their continued blindness to the understanding of the prophecies of the Bible is proof thereof. When the natural Jews today read that which was written by Moses, the matter is entirely dark to them. Likewise with those who are once spiritual Israelites, and who have continued to look at a man and not to the Lord, the understanding of the Scriptures is impossible to them. Those who turn to the Lord and trust in him, for them the veil is removed and they see what the Lord reveals to those in the temple.

LIBERTY

26 Jehovah is the supreme power, that is, the Most High. The Lord Jesus Christ is the higher power next to Jehovah and is the "quickening spirit". (1 Cor. 15:45) Moses was a type of Christ Jesus and was flesh, or human, foreshadowing the spirit creature, Christ Jesus. Continuing his argument the apostle says: "Now the Lord [Jehovah] is that spirit [The Spirit, *R.V.*]: and where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." (2 Cor. 3:17) Some spirit-begotten ones have foolishly seized upon this scripture text and hold to it as an authority or excuse for their lawlessness in God's organization, contending that where the spirit of the Lord is each one is at liberty to do as he may please and is under no obligation to follow the rules of God's organization, and hence they do not follow the direction in God's organization. Such application of the text is wholly wrong. One in Christ Jesus is not licensed to do anything he wants to, but must be obedient to the Lord and his organization. Liberty does not mean license. Where there is truly the spiritually minded condition existing among those who are begotten of the spirit these are free from the bondage such as the Jews were in. The spirit of the Lord is upon and among his anointed ones, who are in the temple or secret place of the Most High, but that is not the condition of the "great multitude", who are prisoners to Satan's organization. It could not be said that they are free. Such condition of bondage refers to those in the ranks of the nominal church systems and outside of it who are spirit-begotten but who are held in bondage by the fear of man. There are many who claim to be in present truth who are in fact under bondage to fear of Satan's organization. That condition does not, however, apply to those who are in the temple; says the apostle, "But Jerusalem [God's organization] which is above is free, which is the mother of us all." (Gal. 4:26) Therefore those in the secret place of the Most High, anointed and in the temple, are not in bondage to any worldly power as though such worldly powers were the "higher powers". But those who are looking upon the rulers of this world as the "higher powers" are certainly in bondage. The faithful, however, being Jehovah's witnesses and appreciating the truth and that this is the day of judgment, these have boldness in declaring the truth, and this is proof of their love for Jehovah and of their freedom or liberty in Christ. —1 John 4:17, 18.

27 Such faithful ones refuse to recognize the rulers of this world as the "higher powers". They refuse to compromise with the powers of Satan's organization, and refuse to ask them for or to accept permits from Satan's organization to preach the gospel of God's kingdom. They obey God, and not man, because they are free from bondage of man and man-made organizations ruled by Satan. It is therefore only where the spirit of the Lord is that there is such liberty; and such is the meaning of the apostle's words in the foregoing text. All those in Christ and in the covenant, taken out as a people for the name of Jehovah, are, however, bound to be fully and wholly obedient to the great Prophet, Christ Jesus; and since the instruction to the remnant proceeds from the Lord at the temple, all of the temple company must be wholly obedient to the organization instructions proceeding from the Lord.—Acts 3:23.

28 Christ Jesus is the head of the house of sons, and those who are in his house, that is to say, in the royal house of God in the temple, are wholly free from Satan's organization. The words of Jesus addressed to those who thought they were God's servants are: "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." (John 8:31, 32, 36) The same rule applies at the present time. One must know the truth and must be in Christ Jesus and faith-